

Draft of Notification to the CHIEF OF STAFF of  
The KWANTUNG ARMY From the Vice-Minister

(RIKUMAN MITSU)

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(Telephoto)

It was decided in yesterday's (the 5th) Cabinet Meeting to adopt the following measures concerning the above matter and we desire your acknowledgment.

Furthermore, we would like to hear from you on your management, etc.

When showing or notifying the matter in question to the Manchurian Government, we want you to pay special attention to preserving secrecy, in consideration of the importance of the matter. (by way of precaution)

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No. 1 Re Extraordinary imports from America

5 Sept 1939

decided in the Cabinet Meeting

1. The matter in question had already been decided in the cabinet meeting of 25 August 1939. However, considering the seriousness of the international situation since then, important materials for which we rely on the U. S. as shown in a separate paragraph and worth ¥ 100,000,000 will be imported within the five months starting September of this year, besides materials to be imported according to the commodities mobilization plan for 1939.

2. Funds in foreign currency worth not more than ¥ 200,000,000, including the ¥ 50,000,000 for September which was to be supplied, it was decided, under Article II of the said Cabinet Meeting Decision, will be supplied in order to be earmarked for the liquidation fund for the imports now in question, and if necessary, the gold bullion, that is, the specie reserve of the Bank of Japan may be used.

Furthermore, newly produced gold and gold collected from April 1940 and afterwards will primarily be allotted to supplement the gold bullion, the specie reserve of the Bank of Japan, used for the above purpose.

3. The import commodities now under discussion will be allotted to the Commodity Mobilization Plan for 1940 as a general rule, but the time of use, limitation, etc., will be decided separately considering the international situation and the regulation plan for the demand and